



# Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

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October 26, 2018

## *This Week's Program:*

Bruce Wilson  
Special Olympics

### Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

### Greeter:

David Crandall

### Invocation:

Randy Taber

### Sergeant:

Leray Glendenning

### Scribe:

Mark McAndrews

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## *Future Programs*

11/2: Doug Harr  
Audubon Program

11/9: Greg Hartley  
Salvation Army

11/16: Emily Fish  
ALS-Lou Gehrigs Disease

## Prez Sez

*Penny Luthens*



As we mentioned at our Friday meeting last week, Wednesday, October 24th is recognized as World Polio Day. WPD was established by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis. Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease. As Rotarians we have made a continuous efforts, through awareness and fundraising worldwide, to do our part to help eradicate Polio everywhere. The Gates Foundations has joined efforts with RI. Some of our own members of NW Des Moines Club have traveled to Africa and the Middle East to do their part in helping connect children with vaccines.

A quick search reported to me that the United States has not had to immunize babies since

2000. This gave me pause. My children were born before this, but not by much.

Since 1979, no cases of polio have originated in the United States. However, the virus has been brought into the country by travelers with polio. The last time this happened was in 1993. It takes only one traveler with polio to bring the disease into the United States, or anywhere else for that matter. To think that Polio existed in over 125 countries in 1988 and is now narrowed down to 2 (or 3) shows what a global army of committed and cause-driven individuals can do. Since 1988 the incidence of polio has decreased by 99%. Rotarians, let's see this through. Tackling that 1% is well worth the fight.

As always, thanks for all that you do to make this world a better place.

## Scribbles...

### *Anne Murr - Drake Adult Literacy Center*

At our meeting of October 19, it was announced that this year our Club provided 306 winter coats to local students in need of warm winter clothing. The cost of these coats was \$5,112. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated in this project.

Ed Arnold reported that there have been 20 new polio cases this year, 14 in Afghanistan and 6 in Pakistan. It has been over 2 years since the last new case in Nigeria.

Our speakers were Anne Murr, program coordinator, and Vickie Merrifield of The Mission of the Adult Literacy Center. They are headquartered at the DMACC Urban Campus. This program was started at Drake University in 1976 and moved to DMACC last summer. The program provides one teacher per learner.

About half of all people learn to read automatically between three and six years of age by listening to the sounds of words as they are read to them. Learners come to understand that the written letters correspond to sounds. About one in six will never learn to read without intervention. Children and adults have a sense of shame if they can't read, and will try to conceal the fact. Not having the ability to read can cause dyslexia and malapropism.

Adults who come to the learning center want to be able to do things the rest of us do automatically, like reading signs and newspapers. There are also many foreign language speakers served at the Center.

After Anne introduced us to the program,

continued...



# This & That



## Proclamation!

President Penny and Ed Arnold receiving Mayor Andrew's proclamation declaring October 24, 2018 World Polio Day and encouraging Urbandale residents to support Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines's efforts to eradicate polio world wide.

## Trivia Question!

How much money has the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundations raised to help end Polio? What is their tie to Rotary International? Email penny.luthens@dmymca.org with your answer.



## Scribe Continued...

Vickie took the floor. She had been an English teacher and also taught Special Education students. She went to the Center looking for a job and wound up volunteering for 11 years. She told us that students are overwhelmed with gratitude as they learn to read after years of pretending they knew how. They begin to feel that they are "okay."

The program is now hooked up with the GED, ESL and Academic Achievement programs. The students can use on-line aids in addition to their tutor. Anne matches up the students and tutors.

In the past, the program has averaged about 150 students. Currently they are serving about a third of that, but expect their number to grow again, as they settle in at their new location.

Our thanks to Anne and Vickie for filling us in on this worthwhile program.

Scribe, Jim Arthur

## Upcoming Events

### Jolly Holiday Lights

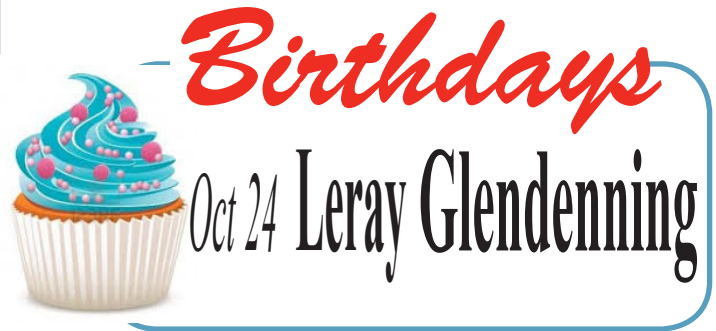
Santa's Wish Shop, Monday, November 26  
Details to follow.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, December 1  
Ring the Bells - Salvation Army

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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## Future Information



### Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Nov 2 - Audubon Society	Bill Grask	Wyatt Earp	Jenifer MK	Brad Helgemo
Nov 9 - Salvation Army	Wyatt Earp	Julia Taylor	Joe Kobes	Doyle Sanders
Nov 16 - ALS	Laura Holmes	Beth Goedken	Dan Boes	Julia Taylor
Can't complete your assigned duty? Please assist Penny by finding your substitute!				